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Second Class Do. ..... ,, 250

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MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co., Agents.

Bombay, 12th February 1879.

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Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	Date.
AGRA	1907	200	C. Heasman	13th March.

Cargo and Passengers are booked here for the abovenamed places, also for East African ports for shipment hence by the Kurrachee steamers which leave Bombay on dates to correspond with the dates of sailing from Kurrachee.

For freight and passage apply to

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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (Limited), under contract with Government, will despatch the S. S. ETHIOPIA, 2,052 Tons, 350 H. P., Commander R. Henderson, on SATURDAY, the 22nd February 1879, at 5 p.m., calling at Rutnagherry, Vingorla, Goa, Carwar, Coompta, Mangalore, Cannanore, Tellicherry, Calicut, Beyjore, Cochin, Alleppey, Tuticorin, Colombo, Galle, Negapatam, Madras, Coconada, Vizagapatam, Bimlipatam, Callingapatam, Gopalpore, False Point and at any other place where inducement offers.

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The S. S. AKOLA, 578 Tons, 130 H. P., Commander A. Russell, on MONDAY, the 17th February 1879, at 10 a.m., calling at Veraval, Mangrole, Pore Bunder, and Cutch Mandvie, both ways.

The S. S. "ORIENTAL" 1481 Tons, 200 H.P., Commander W. A. Stannat, will be despatched on THURSDAY, the 20th February 1879, at 4 p.m.

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(Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.)

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
Aden	Rs. 250	Rs. 150	Rs. 80	Without food.
Suez	360	250	140	
Port Said	380	240	120	
Jaffa	400	300	125	
Beyrout	425	320	130	
Cyprus	450	330	130	
Messina	500	340	140	Including Wines.
Naples	500	340	140	
Leghorn	500	340	140	
Genoa	550	340	140	
Marseilles	550	350	145	

Children under 2 years, free of charge; Children not above 10 years, half fare.

Passengers' heavy Baggage will be delivered in LONDON FREE of CHARGES to the extent allowed in the Handbooks. All extra Luggage will be charged for at rates which can be learnt from the Agent.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY:—
AUSTRALIA, to sail on SATURDAY, 1st March 1879.
SINGAPORE, to sail on THURSDAY, 20th March 1879.
ARABIA, to sail on TUESDAY, 1st April 1879.

Passengers and Cargo are now booked for JAFFA, BEYROUT, and CYPRUS.

A Steamer of the Company leaves Port Said regularly every Thursday which carries the Passengers from Bombay to the above named three Ports.

All Steamers of this Company have large First and Second class accommodation; and always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess on board.

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Bombay, Jan., 1879.

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S. S. TRENTHAM HALL,

CAPTAIN JAS. C. SHAW.

THIS Steamer will sail for Liverpool direct on the 18th instant, positively.

For passage, &c.
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S. S. MACEDONIA,

CAPTAIN JAS. LAIRD.

THIS Steamer will sail on the 26th February for the above ports.

For passage, &c.
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SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

THE following or other Steamers will be despatched for EUROPE:—

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	1879.
— SURAT	3141	530	W. E. Breese	17th Feb.
(s) PEKIN	3777	600	W. Woolcott	24th do.
— VENETIA	2726	450	C. G. Perrins	3rd March
(s) MALWA	2933	450	P. S. Tomlin	11th do.
— SUMATRA	2488	450	W. A. Seaton	17th do.
(s) MIRZAPORE	3763	600	A. Parish	24th do.
— CATHAY	2982	450	R. T. Dundas	31st do.
(s) NEPAUL	3536	600	J. S. Murray	7th April.
— TRAVANCORE	1909	350	W. Barratt	14th do.
(s) HYDASPES	2984	450	D. Rennoldson	21st do.
— BANGALORE	1063	500	E. G. Stead	28th do.
(s) BOKHARA	2932	450	J. Orman	5th May.
— THIBET	2593	400	J. H. Torbock	12th do.
s) SURAT	3141	530	W. E. Breese	19th do.

Passengers are booked to ADEN, SUEZ, BRINDISI, ANCONA, VENICE, MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR and SOUTHAMPTON by every Mail. The Steamers marked (s) proceed direct to Southampton. By the others Passengers change vessels at Suez, and those for Brindisi, Ancona, Venice, and Marseilles are conveyed by Rail from Suez to Alexandria.

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head, Mazagon, at 3 p.m. on the day of sailing.

For Passage, &c., apply to

J. R. KELLOCK,
Superintendent.

Bombay, 8th February 1879.

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THE following Steamers will be despatched for the above ports, carrying H. M.'s Mails, and taking also Passengers and Cargo for Madras and Calcutta:—

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	
THIBET	2593	400	J. H. Torbock	18th Feb. 1879.
KHIVA	2609	450	G. Leo	4th March.
NIZAM	2723	450	A. R. Barlow	18th March.
GWALIOR	2725	450	J. C. Babot	1st April.
LOMBARDY	2723	450	W. B. Hall	15th do.
TEHERAN	2369	400	A. H. Johnson	29th do.

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For Passage, &c., apply to

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Superintendent.

Bombay, 8th February 1879.

STEAM TO KING GEORGE'S SOUND, ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE, AND SYDNEY, CALLING AT GALLE AND COLOMBO.

THE following Steamers will be despatched for the above ports:—

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	
TANJORE	2263	450	W. W. Fentiman	28th Feb. 1879
SIAM	3014	500	G. N. Hector	28th March.
ASSAM	3033	500	N. Stewart	25th April.
TANJORE	2263	450	W. W. Fentiman	23rd May.

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head, at Mazagon, at p.m. on the day of sailing.

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Bombay, 8th February 1879.

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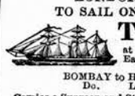

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MERRY MAKERS
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Doors open at 8; commence at 9.

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FOR SCHOOLS, FAMILIES AND CHILDREN,
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 19.
Doors open at 3, to commence at 4.

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TEMPLE BAR, TO-NIGHT.
HERBERT ROBERT WONDERS.
PROGRAMME OF PLAY THIS EVENING.

200 up, Cue *versus* Cue.
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Concluding with FANCY STROKES with Hand, Cue and Nose.

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TEMPLE BAR.

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C. YOUNG,
L. R. W. FORREST, } Honorary Secretaries.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

A GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the above Club will be held at the Master Attendant's Office, in the Royal Alfred Sailors' Home, at 5-15 p.m., on TUESDAY, the 18th February 1879.

C. W. L. JACKSON,
Honorary Secretary, R. B. Y. C.

NOTICE.

LOST, in or about the Share Bazaar, on FRIDAY last, 14th February, FOUR CURRENCY NOTES for Rs. 800 in all, one for Rs. 500 and three for Rs. 100 each. Whoever will bring the same to the undersigned at the Share Bazaar will be rewarded a prize of Rs. 100.

GOVERDHUN JUDOO,

Bombay, 15th February 1879.

NOTICE.

LOST, by the undersigned, a PROMISSORY NOTE, payable on demand, dated the 20th December 1878, and executed by Dr. A. N. HOJEL in favour of GUNGADASS RUNCHORDASS or order. The amount of the said promissory note is payable to the said Gungadass Runchordass and the same is null and void.

GOVERDHUNDASS JUDOOSHAW,
15th February, 1879. Broker.

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NOTICE.—A PUBLIC MEETING of the INHABITANTS of BOMBAY will be held in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, on FRIDAY, the 21st Instant, at 4 o'clock p.m., to PROTEST AGAINST the PERMANENT WAY of the WESTERN RAJPUTANA RAILWAY being laid on the METRE GAUGE, and more particularly that portion of the line between AHMEDABAD and PAHLUNPUR, which had been sanctioned on the standard 5' 6" gauge, and the immediate construction of which on the standard gauge was assured to them by H. E. the Governor of Bombay, when their memorial on the subject was presented to him in September 1877.

By order of the Committee of the Chamber of Commerce,

J. GORDON, Secretary.

Bombay Chamber of Commerce, 15th February 1879.

NOTICE.

TO SHIP MASTERS, AGENTS, AND OTHERS.

THE following information has been received from the Admiral Superintendent at Malta:—

"All ships arriving at Malta from ports in Egyptian territory are subject to quarantine; it is desirable to prevent this if possible by restricting communication with the shore when passing through the Canal."

HENRY MORLAND,
Deputy Conservator and Master Attendant of the Port.
Master Attendant's Office, Bombay, 15th February 1879.

BOMBAY SCOTTISH EDUCATION SOCIETY.

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Maids Master—Mr. Joseph Schmuck.
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R. JEFFREY, D. MACPHERSON, } Honorary Secretaries.

Boarders (Boys and Girls) are received by Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, and by Mr. and Mrs. Smeaton.

Bombay, January, 1879.

TREACHER & Co., LIMITED,
Head Office:
BYCULLA, BOMBAY.

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TREACHER & Co., LIMITED.
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instances having occurred in which letters and telegrams not thus addressed being delayed through misdelivery.

JOHN CAMERON,
February, 1879. Manager.

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BUNCH of KEYS FOUND in carriage on up Bandora train on 6th inst. Apply at B. B. and C. I. Railway Traffic Manager's Office, Fort.

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Do. Do. Jewels from Rs. 15-12 to	,, 18	12
Past Masters' Do.	,, 15	12
Mark Masters' Aprons	,, 15	12
Do. Do. Jewels from Rs 11-4 to	,, 15	12
Royal Arch Companions' Aprons and Sashes	,, 31	8
Do. Do. Jewels	,, 18	0
Leather Cases for Aprons, &c.	,, 3	0
Note Paper for all the grades to 33° per quire	,, 0	8
Envelopes to Match above per 100	,, 1	0
Masonic Minstrel	,, 2	4
Freemason's Calendar for 1879	,, 1	8

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If wished Whisky can be sent direct from any of the following noted Scotch Distilleries. Islay (Ardbeg); Campbelton; Ben Nevis (Long John); Glenlnet (Smith's); Glen Grant (Rothe's); Strathisla (Keith); Teannich (Ross Shire); Cragganmore and Royal Brackla Nairn.

Any required age from 5 to 10 years, with certificate.

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WATCHMAKER,
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BEGS to call the attention of the Public that a NEW SUPPLY of his superior 50 Rs. WATCHES has arrived, by last Mail, for which Mr. L. S. has received the following certificates:—

Bombay, 19th December 1878.

Certified that I purchased a Silver Open-faced Patent Lever Watch, No. 78378, from Mr. L. Steffenauer in the month of March last, and it has kept excellent time ever since, I can recommend these Watches to any person requiring a good time-keeper.

C. CHRISTIAN, Captain, Dockyard Accountant.

Bombay, 21st October 1878.

L. STEFFANAUER, Esq., Bombay.

Sir,—In reply to your enquiry, I am glad to say that the Silver Hunting cased Lever Watch I bought of you in June last has been keeping pucca time ever since, I may therefore say that I am quite satisfied with my purchase.

I remain, Sir, Yours faithfully,
SAM. K. SNOW.

Mr. L. STEFFENAUER has also received a large stock of cheap Watches from Rs. 15 to Rs. 38.
3, Watches taken at once are given at wholesale rates.
Musical Boxes in great variety from Rs. 40 to Rs. 250.

REPAIRS OF WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELLERY AND MUSICAL BOXES ATTENDED TO WITH THE UTMOST DESPATCH.

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SPECIAL QUOTATIONS FOR TRADERS ON RECEIPT OF BUSINESS CARD.

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MEADOW STREET, BOMBAY.

SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
3, MARINE STREET, BOMBAY.

USUAL AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 17th instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction at their rooms:—

10 Bales Grey Shirtings,
10 Cases Dhotics.
7 Cases Black and White Prints.
3 Cases colored Alpacca.
5 Cases T Red Dresses.
1 Case Imitation Meerscham Pipes.
A few treadle sewing machines.
On account of the underwriters ex steamer Benledi.
225 Diamond V. B.—8—1 Case 200 gross amorces assorted, sea water damaged.
On account and at the risk of Indha Lalljee:

A & E } 48-49, 51-52, 54-55, 59-60—8 cases scarlet prints.
L L }
L L—36 38—2 cases stripe muslin.

On account and at the risk of Noor Mahomed Hajee Cassum:
A. E ex 392 93—1 case finger-rings per str. Sumatra.
On account and at the risk of Mahomedally Esoobhoy.
V H 2045—1 case ruby beads per str. Venetia.
On accounts and at the risk of Kachrubhoy Khanbhoy:
G M } ex 16 17—1 case gold-star paper per str. Gwalior.
V B }
On account and at the risk of Abdool Kareem Mahomedaly:
G M } 18—1 case gold-star paper per str. Parsee.
V B }

SALE OF RARE AND VALUABLE PLANTS IN TUBS AND POTS, AT No. 185, TARWAREE ROAD, MALABAR HILL.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 18th February, at 6-30 a. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at the above mentioned place the choice and well grown plants in tubs and pots comprising many new and rare orotons, aranciers, cupressus, glauca, gardinia, powris, single and double allocasia, stephanotes, orange trees with fruit, marantas, wood-bine, scarlet and other passion flowers, French, honeysuckles, wax plants, hibiscus, hydrangias, standard roses, ivy and other geraniums, myrtle, eucharis, ferns, &c., the property of Pryce Weedon, Esq. Catalogues are ready and the plants are on view from 6 to 8-30 in the morning and 5 to 6-30 in the evening.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 18th instant, sale commencing at 1 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Worlee Hill, the valuable and handsome carved and French-polished household furniture being the library of a gentleman leaving his station for the Himalayas. The sale will take place on the 1st of March next at 2 p.m., in the order of numbers in catalogues which are already sent which can be had on application to the Auctioneers and the books will be on view 4 days before the sale takes place.

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 17th February 1879.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF UNSERVICEABLE SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS.

TO-MORROW, TUESDAY, the 18th inst., at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Government Medical Stores, Byculla.

A lot of unserviceable surgical instruments.

On WEDNESDAY, the 26th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at Gaumdavie Road, Chowpatty, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood French polished, carved, Madras pattern, household furniture, plated, glass and porcelain ware a handsome Madras built victoria, with handsome fast-trotting regu pony and harness, (if not previously disposed of by private sale,) one English larch-built pleasure boat, &c, &c, the property of W. A. Crisps, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property on view 4 days before the day of sale.

On THURSDAY, the 27th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Tardeo, the valuable and handsome French polished teakwood and mahogany household furniture, plated, glass, and porcelainware, &c., &c., the property of H. VICENT Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property on view four days before the day of sale.

On FRIDAY, the 28th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at Malabar Hill, the valuable and handsome teakwood and blackwood, French polished, carved household furniture, best plated ware, rich crockery and glassware, a small slate billiard table, sewing machine, a collection of choice and rare plants in tubs and pots, &c., &c., the property of M. Mowat, Esq.

Catalogues will be published, and the property on view 4 days before the day of sale.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 17th February 1879.

MENESSE AND COMPANY.

On THURSDAY, the 20th instant, Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will hold their usual weekly auction sale, at their rooms of a quantity of grey and colored piece goods, twist, &c.

3 cases colored prints,
18 bales grey chooties 5-16 yds.
On account of the underwriters.
6 cases Turkey red jaconets, sea water damaged.
3 bales Turkey red twist, No. 40, sea water damaged.

AUCTION SALE OF LANDED PROPERTY AT LOWAR CHAWL.

On SATURDAY, the 22nd instant at 4 p. m., Messrs. MENESSE and Co. will sell by Public Auction on the undermentioned premises by order of the mortgagee, Abdoollaly Shaik Adum, and on account and at the risk of the mortgagors, Abdoolabhoy Abdoollaly, an insolvent, and Abool Hoosain Abdoolaly, an adjudged insolvent, their right, title, and interest in the following landed property—

All that piece or parcel of Pasmdaree land or ground, together with the messuage or dwelling house standing thereon, situate on the north side of Severbhat near Lowar chawl, in the sub-district of Mandvee, assessed by the Collector of Municipal taxes under No. 30, containing in measurement about 39½ feet in breadth on the north side and 19½ feet on the south side thereof, and in length 85½ feet on the east side and 42 feet on the west side thereof, and bounded on the east by a passage and the house of Ramcoverbai, widow of Shah Hargovunda-s Sewlall, on the west by a passage belonging to the premises abutting on the house of Bhaijeebhoy Nathabhoy, on the north by the vacant ground belonging to Bhaijeejee Vassoodew, and on the south by the public road called Severbhat.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the undersigned.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 17th February 1879.

S. SHRICRISTNAJEE AND COMPANY.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTY AT GIRGAUM BACK ROAD.

Messrs. S. SHR

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SATURDAY EVENING, 15TH FEB. 1879.

ALTHOUGH the volume of trade is still circumscribed in the extreme, there are, we think, some slight indications observable of a coming turn for the better. The Piece Goods Market has exhibited a slightly more cheerful tone latterly, and within the past few days we hear of rather better receipts of Cotton into the up-country markets, so that we may say there is at least a prospect of more activity in the immediate future. This, however, is about the most than can be said of a hopeful character, as the feeling in the Bazaar is still very depressed, whilst the position of the local Spinning Mills has apparently become worse daily. The closing of the Mandvie S. and W. Company adds another to the list of companies now under liquidation —nine in all—and so thoroughly has public confidence been shaken that several others may possibly be driven to a similar course from utter inability to obtain the financial facilities requisite for working expenses and carrying over the stocks which most Mills have accumulated. A movement is now on foot, and will probably be adopted, to shorten the working time by two days a week, and for such of the companies as can withstand the test of short production, there can be little doubt that this course presents the only remedy under the circumstances. It is exactly a year ago since we wrote strongly in favour of a general short time movement, and had it then been adopted, some of the mills now in liquidation might still have been going concerns, whilst the best of them would have been much better off than they now are.

MONEY.—The return of the Bank of Bombay published last Mail day, was decidedly less favourable than had been anticipated, the Cash Balance instead of an increase, showing a reduction of 7½ lacs. As this, however, was mainly the result of large withdrawals of Government Deposits, whilst Loans and Discounts had been reduced to the extent of about 20 lacs, the relative strength of the bank was not lessened, and no change was made in rates of discount at Wednesday's Board Meeting. On Thursday the Bank of Bengal in Calcutta reduced their rates of discount one per cent. all round, and if anything a feeling in favour of easier Money has since prevailed. With our export season gradually gaining strength, however, we do not think cheaper money at all likely; in fact, considering the small Cash Balance held by the Bank and the general surroundings of the market, we shall do well if we get through the next two months without a much higher level of discount than is now ruling. It is true that the Exchange Banks are likely to be fairly in funds, by means of Council Drafts and the considerable supplies of Silver on the way out, and that the quantity of export produce to go forward will be comparatively small, but we must not forget that it will be much more difficult than formerly to attract money from the Bazaar, and that practically our entire shipping season will be condensed into the three months coming.

EXCHANGE.—In Sterling we have had a very quite and, on the whole, a weak Market since last Mail. Business opened on Tuesday on the basis of 1s. 7 3-16d. for demand Bank Bills, but on Wednesday with Silver quoted from Home at 49½d. per oz., and anticipations of Council Drafts being allotted at very low rates, a further decline of 1-16d. was established. As usual on Thursday morning, we received advice of the result of the biddings for Councils, viz.—an average of fully 1s. 7 1-16d. for the whole 45 lacs, and since then a somewhat firmer tone has been apparent, and rates have recovered 1-16d. in Bank and 1-16d. to ⅛d. in Private Bills from the lowest point touched on Wednesday, closing quotations being:—Bank Bills on demand 1s. 7 3-16d.; 6 months' 1s. 7 9-16d.; Credits, 3 months' 1s. 7¼d.; 6 months' 1s. 7 11-16d.; Documents, 3 months' 1s. 7 9-16d.; 6 months' 1s. 7¼d. per rupee.

The Banks have throughout continued willing buyers for future delivery at the usual advance of 1-16d. per rupee per month, but there has been very little done, and in the absence of Mercantile Bills, the Banks have again been large buyers of Gold for export to England, which has in some cases been obtainable at a figure giving a more favourable remittance than Paper. The closing price is Rs. 19-9 per tola for 100 touch, but when Exchange was at its lowest large purchases were made at Rs. 19-10 to Rs. 19-11.

On Calcutta there has been no business of any importance done during the week, and we still quote demand drafts at 1-16 per cent. premium, 60 days' sight at 1½ per cent. discount.

On China there is really nothing doing, and any quotation would be purely nominal.

From Hongkong the latest quotation by wire for 6 months' sight Bank Bills on London is 3-7¼d. per dollar and from Shanghai 5s. per tael.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.—The Market has been quiet and unchanged throughout, the only business reported being small purchases for investment. At the same time there are no large sellers at the moment, and prices are accordingly easily supported. We quote:—Fours, Rs. 94½; New Fours-and-a-half, Rs. 99¾.

SHARES.—The depression in the Market this week has been very great, every day having brought a further decline in values without apparently inducing investors to come forward. The decline is necessarily most marked in mill shares, and it is impossible to deny that there is great reason for the fall in the present critical position of the industry, moreover the ramification of the mills are so great in the way of shareholders and creditors, that other companies are bound to be affected. Bank shares have not changed, with the one exception of Bank of Bombays which have fallen 4½ per cent. on the week—the rate now being Rs. 650, but this is explained by the fact that there are now very few exchenge bank shares held on this side, and such as are here are kept up in value by the low exchange. In *Land* Companies we note a fall of Rs. 25 in Colabas, Rs. 10 in Peres, Rs. 5 in Cannings, and Rs. 6 in *Fress* shares are all very dull in the prospect of another short Cotton season, and we reduce our rates, Rs. 75 in Albert and Co., of Kurrachee, Rs. 50 in Victoria Press Co., Rs. 25 in Sind and Punjab, and Volkart's Unit-d, Rs. 15 in Bellary, Berar, and Mofussil and Rs. 5 per share in Scinde Press. In *Spinning and Weaving Co.'s* the downward movement has been very rapid. There has been a fall during the week of Rs. 225 in Alliance, Rs. 125 in Manockjee Petit and Madras United, Rs. 115 in Dharrumsey, Rs. 110 in Great Eastern, Jewraz Balloo, Morarjee Goculdas, and Shoolapore, Rs. 100 in Bombay Yarn, Rs. 75 in Hindustan, Rs. 70 in Oriental, Rs. 65 in Khandesh and Mandvie, Rs. 60 in Madras, Rs. 50 in Nationsl, Rs. 25 in Alfred Mills, Coorla, Central India, Prince of Wales, and Sassoon, and Rs. 15 per share in Mazagon. Amongst *Miscellaneous* Companies the only movement to notice is a decline of Rs. 125 per share in Bombay Burmah Trading Co.'s shares.

PIECE GOODS.—The general tenor of the Market has been a shade better than we have been able to report for some time, and although as yet by no means active,—the clearances from the Bazaar being only estimated at about 1,800 bales,—and from first hands at about 750 packages,—it is something to be able to report a partial cessation of the previous almost continuous decline. The recovery such as it is commenced with a slightly better demand from Marwarree buyers in the early part of the week and was followed by a demand from Calcutta—mostly for low makes of Shirtings—and since that has taken off, Kurrachee buyers have begun to operate to some little extent. The movement so far is not an important one, the result being only partially to arrest the decline, but it serves to indicate the quarter from which relief may eventually come, not only have we on this side had equally with Calcutta comparatively large supplies to contend with, but we have had two years of famine, and latterly a commercial crisis of great severity, which have not been felt in Calcutta to anything like the same extent, so that the falling off in shipments of late has soon begun to have effect. And it is not unlikely that the ultimate result will have a two fold influence in diverting shipments from Home to Calcutta, while at the same time relieving us of some of our excess stock.

In *Grey Shirtings* of good makes the transactions have been few. Stocks are large and prices barely supported, but common qualities have been in request for Calcutta, and a considerable business has been done. *Printers* have only met a small demand at about former rates. For *Madapollams* the inquiry is slow, and prices are easier, especially of Buff Ends, which are quite Anna 1 to Annas 2 per piece lower. *Jaconets* have been rather more saleable, and prices are a shade steadier. *T Cloths* are unaltered. In *Dhoties* a moderate business has been done at previous prices. *Bleached Goods* have latterly been in more request, and an increased business has been done during the past day or two in Shirtings, Jaconets, and Mulls. *Dyed* and Printed and *Turkey Red* Goods continue as before, depressed and quite nominal in value.

TWIST.—Of English Yarns the clearances continue remarkably small. Stocks are in excess of the demand, and there is no signs of prices improving. Local Yarns also meet a slow sale as compared with the large supplies held by the mills, and at prices which show a loss on Spinning. The quotations range from 6 to 6¾ Annas per lb. for 20s.

METALS.—The numerous failures amongst dealers a short time ago still continue against business, and all kinds of Metals are very slow of sale. *Copper* is unchanged in value but dull, and the same remark applies to *Yellow Metal*. *Iron* is very dull, and Swedish Bars may be quoted Rs. 1 per candy lower, other descriptions, nominally unchanged.

COALS.—The idea that troops might possibly be despatched hence to the Cape induced a slight speculative enquiry for a day or two, during which sales were effected of a cargo of Davison's West Hartley February sailing by steamer at Rs. 21½ and a cargo of Cowpen West Hartley also to arrive at Rs. 20½ per ton. Otherwise the Market has remained dull to a degree, and but for the small shipments from England we should probably have seen a decline in prices. To-day's quotations to arrive are:—

Davison's West Hartley	Rs. 21 to Rs. 21½	alongside.
Laird's Welsh Hartley	,, 19 to ,, 19½	,,
Watson's Hartley	,, 19 to ,, 19½	,,
Cardiff	,, 20½ to ,, 21½	,,

COTTON.—Following the course of the Home advices we had very firm markets during the first three days of the week, with steadily advancing prices, but latterly Liverpool has been quieter again, and in some cases the previous advance has been just about lost, but the absence of sellers has prevented other kinds receding, so that our quotations show a rise on the week of Rs. 3 per candy in Ginned Broach, Rs. 4 to Rs. 5 per candy in ready Good Omrawuttee, and Rs. 2 per candy in Good Dholleras, April delivery. The market, however, closes decidedly quiet, buyers showing a strong indisposition to pay the top rates except where compelled to cover shipments, and it seems very evident that increased arrivals would mean a material reduction in prices.

The purchases reported in Bombay since the departure of last Mail sum up about 6,000 bales, of which 1,500 bales are made up of Old Cotton for local consumption, and 4,500 bales of New Omras for export.

The *Receipts* from up-country show the following comparisons:—

	1879.	1878.	1877.
Receipts for the week	20,474	29,017	23,976
Total since 1st Sept.	167,653	281,550	272,365

The *Clearances for Sea* during the week have been 6,555 bales, making a total since 1st January of 43,341 bales against 91,661 bales for the corresponding period last year.

CROP.—The continued slow rate of receipts here and the character of the advices from up-country all go to show that the yield will be a small one, and if anything we should be inclined to lower our estimate of the season's exports by 20,000 or 30,000 bales, say to about the same quantity as last year, whilst some people are even of opinion that they will be materially less. We are inclined to think, however, that they do not allow sufficiently for the lateness of the crop and are too much influenced by present short receipts, nor do they count sufficient for the reduced consumption of the local mills. In any case, however, there is no guessing the fact that the crop is short, and the only consolation is that the quality is much more satisfactory than it was last season.

The following are to-day's quotations for full pressed Cotton with equivalents in Sterling, Cost, and Freight to Liverpool, via Canal, without Commission:—

	Per Candy.	Per lb. C. & F.
New Good Hingunghaut Ready.....	Rs. (none).	
,, F.G.F. do. do.	,, 210 = 5 3/16d.	
,, ,, M. G. Broach March delivery	,, 206 = 5¼d.	
,, ,, Oomra Ready ,, ...	,, 194 = 4 13/16d.	
,, Do. March ,, ...	,, 190 = 4¾d.	
,, F.G.F. Do. Ready ,, ...	,, 185 = 4 9/16d.	
,, ,, Do. March ,, ...	,, 182 = 4 9/16d.	
,, G.F. Do. Ready ,, ...	,, 180 = 4½d.	
,, Do. Do. March ,, ...	,, 178 = 4 7/16d.	
,, Good Dhollera April ,, ...	,, 192 = 4 13/16d.	
,, F.G.F. Do. ,, ...	,, 187 = 4 11/16d.	
,, G.F. Do. ,, ...	,, 182 = 4 9/16d.	
,, Ginned Dharwar April delivery	No quotation.	
,, Compta ,, ...	do.	

The visible supply of Cotton for all Europe on the 14th instant compares with the corresponding date on the two previous years as follows:—

	1879.	1878.	1877.
Total supply of all kinds.	2,410,000	2,599,310	2,959,170
,, ,, Surats.	183,000	168,820	260,270
For the U. K. only the figures are:—			
Stock in Liverpool.....	458,000	557,900	845,560
Do. London.....	59,000	12,230	32,660
American afloat.....	330,000	305,000	385,000
E. Indian ,, ...	52,000	30,000	79,000
Total.....	899,000	905,130	1,342,220
Price of Mid. Orleans...	5 9-16d.	6¾d.	6 15-16d.
,, Fair Dhollera...	4 5-16d.	5 3-16d.	5 9-16d.
Difference.....	1¼d.	1 3-16d.	1¾d.

The American crop figures to date show the following comparisons:—

	1879.	1878.	1877.
Week's Receipts.....	147,000	117,000	120,000
,, Exports to U. K.	75,000	51,000	77,000
,, ,, to Continent...	72,000	38,000	18,000
Total Receipts since 1Sept.	3,574,000	3,360,000	3,405,000
,, Exports to U. K...	1,276,000	1,162,000	1,399,300
,, ,, Continent.	940,000	749,000	668,300
,, Stock at the Ports.	850,000	919,000	899,000

SEEDS.—*Linseed* remains steady at Rs. 6-6 per cwt., but stocks are insignificant, and arrivals of new crop in any quantity cannot be expected for another month. *Rapeseed* is unaltered at Rs. 6-12 to Rs. 6-13, but supplies consist entirely of inferior parcels of old Seed. For *Gingelly* the demand is active at fully previous rates, say Rs. 39 to Rs. 42 per candy according to quality.

WHEAT is quite as a standstill as an article of export, but we hear rather more favourable accounts of the new crop.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Bank.	No. of Shares.	Nomi. Value p. sh.	Paid up.	Last Dividend.	Cash Rates per Share.
		Rs.	Rs.	p. a.	
Agra Bank	100,000	100	all	6 p.ct	130
Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	4 do	715
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	5 do	655
Bank of Madras	60,000	500	all	3 do	840
National Bank of India.	87,320	£25	£12-10	6 do	109

LAND COMPANIES.

Colaba Land Co. (New).	4,000	3,000	all	15 p.a*	720
Frere Land and Pier Co. Limited.....	7,500	150	all	4 p.a.	100
Masagon Land Company	1,750	2,000	1,000	20 p.a.	850
PortCanning Land Company, Limited.....	5,000	1,400	all	15 p.a.	195

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

Albert Mills	400	2,000	1,700	—	50
Alexandra S. and W. Co.	2,250	415	all	25 p.a.	15
Alfred Mill Co....	250	1,000	1,000	50 p.a.	900
Alliance Spinning	500	2,500	all	55 ,,	950
Anglo-Indian S. and W. Company	30,000	100	100	2 p.ct	60
Bhowanuggur M. and P. Company	300	2,000		40 p.a.	800
Bombay Union Mills ...	900	1,000	all	35 p.a*	650
Bombay Hemp and Jute Mill Company.....	2,000	500	all	15 p.a*	60
Broach Mills	1,500	125	all	10 p.a*	4
Colaba S. and W. Co. ...	900	1,000	all	25 p.a*	40
Coorla S. and W. Co. ...	1,000	1,000	all	30 p.a*	700
Central India S. and W. Company	2,500	500	all	30 p. a.	500
Dharumsey Spinning ...	5,000	2,000	all	35 p.a*	300
Empress S. and W. Co...	700	500	400	,,	375
Fleming S. and W. Co...	3,750	500	all	40 p.a*	15
Great Eastern	1,400	1,000	all	20 p.a*	650
Hindustan S. & W. Co...	700	1,000	all	30 p.a*	630
Hydrabad S. and W. Co	700	1,000	1,000	..	475
Jewraj Balloo Mills	750	1,000	all	35 p.a*	800
Khandesh Spinning	750	1,000	all	50 p.a	650
K. Muconjee S. & W. Co.	1,000	1,000	all	50 p.a*	450
Madras Spinning	300	1,250	all	Nil	400
Madras United S. and W. Company	425	1,000	all	70 p.a*	975
Manchester & Bombay S. and W. Co.	30,000	50	50	..	5
Mandvie S. and W. Co...	1,200	500	all	25p.a*	15
Manockjee Petit's.....	2,500	1,000	all	40p.a*	925
Morarjee Spinning	1,045	1,000	all	30 p.a*	790
Mazagon S. and W. Co...	3,000	5,000	..	..	145
National S. and W. Co. of India.....	950	1,000	all	30 p.	500
Nerlad S. and W. Co....	400	1,000	all	..	10
Nicol Press Manufacturing Co., Ltd.....	600	2,000	all	..	5
Nursey S. and W. Co....	2,500	400	all	10 p.a*	10
Oriental	1,000	225	all	20 p.a*	200
Finest Waterspinning ...	1,500	1,000	all	75	300
Sassoon S. & W. Co....	1,500	1,000	all	25 p.a.	700
Soonderdas Spinning ...	1,000	1,000	all	75 p.a.	400
Do do. ½ Shares.	500	1,000	250	125 p.a.	185
Sholapore S. and W. Co.	500	1,000	all	20 p.a.	600
Victoria Mills	550	1,000	all	25 p.a.	500

* For Share or ½ half-year.

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

G. I. P. Railway Consolidated Stock.....	..	£20 21¾ 3·0	p.ct	300
Do. New £20 shares....	..	£20 13 9/16 6	do	36
Ditto	..	£20 6 5· 7 3	do	72
Ditto	..	£20 21 13/16	do	32
B. B. and C. I. Ry. Co.	..	£100 1,000	do	1,100
Do. New Shares.	..	£18 19 6·5 15	do	250

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each	Rs. 12-6
Carolus	,, 224
Mexican Dollars	,, 222
Five-Franc Pieces	,, 240
Bar Silver, 17 to 17¼ bottermore	,, 59-9
Gold Leaf	,, 19-2-0
Bar Gold, 10 oz. English, 100 touch	,, 19-9
Australian Gold, 100 touch	,, 19-9-0
Pekin Gold Bars	,, 19-5-6

BANK OF BENGAL.

THE following is the statement of the affairs of the Bank of Bengal for the week ending 11th February compared with that for 4th February:—

LIABILITIES.	4th Feb. Rs. A. P.	11th Feb. Rs. A. P.
Capital	2,00,00,000 0 0	2,00,00,000 0 0
Reserve Fund	20,27,480 0 0	20,27,480 0 0
Treasury Balances	2,05,56,494 10 8	2,08,80,103 15 0
Other Deposits	2,53,85,891 6 2	2,59,64,568 3 2
Bank Post Bills, &c.....	12,44,352 9 1	17,23,918 8 9
Sundries	7,54,357 12 2	7,64,857 6 9
Rs.	6,94,38,576 6 1	7,13,60,328 2 1
ASSETS.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Government Securities ...	83,77,976 8 0	78,99,760 8 0
Loans on Govt. Securities.	64,42,783 6 10	60,88,144 10 0
Credits on ditto ...	91,39,285 2 8	88,91,430 0 7
Bills Discounted.....	1,79,34,895 2 2	1,76,75,811 12 9
Balances with other Banks	6,99,098 15 0	8,30,992 0 1
Bullion		
Road Stock	9,80,097 10 7	9,78,393 0 6
Stamps	7,916 13 6	7,988 4 0
Sundries.....	3,16,879 14 5	2,92,822 2 9
Cash at Head Office	66,84,628 13 5	72,12,827 15 3
Do. at Branches	1,88,55,823 15 7	1,97,32,508 7 4
	6,94,38,576 6 1	7,13,60,328 2 1

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY COLABA.

BOMBAY, 14th February 1879.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah	29·922
Temperature of the Air	75·9
Wet Bulb Thermometer	69·6
Dew Point	66·7
Relative humidity of Air	0·741
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded=1).	0·3
Maximum temperature of air (read at 6 p.m.).....	81·4
Minimum do. do. (read at 10 a.m.) ...	69·0
General Direction of Wind	NNE, ENE, NW, WNW, NW, NNW.
Movement of wind in 24 hours.....	211

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE AND LISTS OF PASSENGERS BY SEA.

THE BARQUE ZEPHYR, 395 tons, Captain F. Corlins, will sail to-day for Penang and Singapore with a general cargo.

THE S. S. SCINDIA, 1,423 tons, Captain S. Windham, sailed on saturday last for Naples, Genoa, and Marseilles with a general cargo.

THE SCHOONER AFRICA, 255 tons, Captain C. Hogelstein, arrived in harbour on the 14th instant from Zanzibar, 23rd December, with a general cargo, Mr. A. Seacomb and 3 deck passengers.

THE S. S. OORUN, 162 tons, Captain G. J. Baker arrived in harbour on the 15th instant from Coast and Cutch with a general cargo and 194 deck passengers. She sailed yesterday for same ports with 130 deck passengers.

THE B. I. S. N. Co.'s S. S. CANARA, 1,229 tons, Captain J. C. Charp, sailed on Saturday last for Coast and Calcutta with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr. J. B. Patterson, Dr. Brown, Sub-Lieutenant D. Cole, Colonel Goodfellow, Mrs. Nowrojee Jamsetjee, Miss Nowrojee Bemonjee, Mrs. E. Blanford, and 128 deck passengers.

THE SHIP SOUTHERN CHIEF, 1,292 tons, Captain H.G. Higgins, which arrived in harbour on the 14th instant from New York, 2nd September, brought the following cargo:—75 cases pain-killer, 130 cases tobacco, 41,000 cases kerosine oil, 1,000 cases turpentine, 100 barrels raisin, 50 barrels pitch, and 50 barrels coal tar. The vessel is consigned to the Captain.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessels.	Commaders.	From.
14	Africa	Hogelstein ...	Zanzibar, Dec 23.
15	Oorun (s)	Baker	Mandvee, Feb 13.
16	Spike Hall (s).....	brand	Liverpool, Jan 29.
	Rhona (s).....	.....	Glasgow, Dec 25.
	Ethiopia (s).....	Henderson ...	Calcutta, Jan 29.

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
15	Canara (s).....	Sharp.....	Coast and Calcutta.
	Scindia (s).....	Windham.....	Genoa.
16	Oorun (s)	Baker	Coast and Cutch.

The following vessels obtained their port clearances on Saturday last:—

Steamer Akola, Russell, to K Coast and Kurrachee.
Barque Zephyr, Cortins, to Singapore.

The Hiate Fette Isslam, to Mozambique, was entered for loading on Saturday last.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.			
11	Pemba (s)	Guy.....	Bombay, Jan 18.
	Timavo (s)	Meshoruils ...	Trieste, Jan 1.
	Satara (s)	Morby	Camoria, Jan 30.
	Larnaca	Bentley	Liverpool, Oct 19.
	C. S Vincent	Prout	Liverpool, Nov 2.
	Hamoody	Nacoda	Jedda, Aug 27.
	Tweedale	Duncan	Liverpool, Oct 19.
	Grecian	Corrance	Liverpool, Nov 1.
12	Orion (s)	Smerdon	Liverpool, Jan 11.
	T. Maclellan	Tod.....	Liverpool, Oct 16.

DEPARTURES.

Feb. 11.—Steamers Paladin and Commilla. Ship British Envoy. Barque Mari Anne.
Feb. 12—Steamer Meimon. Ship Earl of Zetland.

PASSENGERS.

Per Pemba—Mr Reach, Mr Hazlitger, Mr Legg, Col. Thomason Capt Baird, R E, Mr Cunny, Mrs Williams, Miss Leight, Misses B and F Pier, Mr McMillan, Mr Maunder.
Per Timavo—Mr Bachrach, Mr Maurin and Mr. Hadjis.
Per Larnaca—Mrs Bentley.
Per Orion—Dr Inman Welsh, Mr Haxell, Mr Hext, Mrs Cawley and 2 children. Miss Behrend, Mrs Robarts and infant, Miss Varden and Miss Smerdon.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.			
13	Flamingo (s)	.....	Calcutta.
14	Colaba (s).....	.....	Negapatam.
	Meimon (s)	.....	Calcutta.

DEPARTURES.

Feb.			
13	D. of Lancaster (s)...	.....	London.
	India	.....	Coast.
	Markara (s)	.....	Calcutta.

DAILY IMPORTS.—FEBRUARY 15.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Macedonia s—21 kegs and 3 casks iron nails and 2 packages hardware, Noormahamed Bharmull; 6 cases hardware Esmac Noormahamed.
Trentham Hall s—10 cases brass metal sheets, Shaik Ahmed Noordin.

FROM LONDON.

Premitz s—50 cases eau-de-cologne, John S Elmore and Co; 475 packages red lead and 40 keg lead ore, Todiceedass Khimjee; 100 cases champagne, B and A Hormusjee.
Thibet s—5 barrels hams, 2 barrels bacon and 3 cases cheese, Green and Jarvis; 45 cases oilmanstore, A D Jackson and Co.
Blairvorrie s—10 crates earthenware and 24 casks glassware, J Hill; 25 boxes gunpowder (exporting), Soomar Veera.

FROM GLASGOW.

Columbia s—4qr. casks whiskey, Thomson and Taylor.
Macedonia s—15 cases gingerwine, 5 cases whiskey, 6 cases rum, and 3 cases brandy, Sorabjee Hormusjee Bottlewalla.

DAILY EXPORTS.—FEBRUARY 15.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Trentham Hall s—200 bales cotton, Lane Moir and Co; 39 bales wool, Forbes and Co; 60 bales wool, Motty Jaitha; 90 bales wool, Govindjee Mahadowjee; 38 bales wool, Nebhraz Natoturndass; 40 bales wool, Somatnull Goolammull.
Bellona s—150 cwts bones, Rujubally Allirus.

FOR LONDON.

Oribe s—29 bales hides, Khamahamed Nensey.
Scotland s—34 bales hides, Goolamally Feerbhoy; 6 bales hides, Hassum Woomer; 18 cwts gum, Moolchund Motichund.
Estipona s—200 cwts bones, Ahmed Ally; 400 bales cotton, Finlay Scott and Co; 16 casks castor oil, Khulfanbhoy Dama.

FOR HAVRE.

Marina s—10,000½ cwts linseed, Remington and Co.
Scotland s—100 bales cotton, F. Sanquet and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Macedonia s—60 bags linguelly seed, Kunkler Sinzer and Co 6,071½ cwts teel seed, Finlay, Scott and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Macedonia s—150 tons old iron, Ritchie, Steuart and Co; 100 bale cotton, F. Sanquet and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Surat s—67 bales cotton, Feol, Cassels and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Diana s—1,000 bales cotton, Ritchie, Steuart and Co; 200 bales cotton, Greaves Cotton and Co.

FOR YOKOHAMA.

Thibet s—25 bales twist, the Alliance S and W Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Thibet s—41 cwts ooplate, and 3¼ cwts gandra horns, Sallybhoy Jafferbhoy; 35 cwts sumadastone, Ishwer Killa; 284 cwts sharkfins and 15 cwts fishmaws, Rahimoo Khatee Nanjee; 2½ cwts fishmaws 7½ cwts sharkfins, and 105 bales cotton, Carrimbhoy Ebram; 31 bales cotton, Moolchund Motichund; 125 bales cotton, Ismail Adamjee and Co; 15 bales twist, Ebram Noordin and Co; 13 bales twist, Ellias Ally; 11 bales twist, S N Tullatee; 33 chests opium, E D Sassoon; 476 chests opium, Rahimoo Khatee Nanjee; 67 chests opium, David Sassoon and Co; 17 chests opium, M S Gubbay, 200 bales twist, E D Sassoon, 19½ cwts sharkfins and 1¼ cwts fishmaws, Ludha Chutoo.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Thibet s—24 chests opium, Cursetjee Bomanjee and Co; 59 chests opium, M S Gubbay; 6 chests opium, Hurdyal Kadurmull.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

DEPARTURES.—FEBRUARY 15.

Brown, Surg Major, to join, to Dharwar.
Gordon, Lieut, 20th Bombay N I, from leave, to Baroda.
Seddon, Sub-Lieut, 28th Bombay N I, on duty, to Surat.
Goodfellow, Col, R E, on duty, to Belgaum.
Cole, Sub-Lieut, 14th N I, on duty, to Belgaum.

BOMBAY ARMY ORDERS.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF,
Adjutant General's Office, Head-Quarters,
Poona, 14th February 1879.

Sub Lt H M Prior, 20th N I (attached to 1-2nd Foot) is transferred to the 18th N I as Offg Wing Officer and will join forthwith.
Surgeon C U Carruthers is transferred from General duty Poona Division to General duty 3rd Division (for service with the Frontier Field Force).
The following orders are confirmed:—
Hyderabad Station Order, dated 29th Jan directing Lt Col Henderson, Bombay Staff Corps, to officiate as Station Staff Officer in addition to his other duties.
Regimental Order, dated 7th Jan by the Officer Commanding Royal Artillery Bombay District, appointing Lt Johnson to act as Gunnery Instructor with effect from the 26th ultimo, vice Smyth.
22nd N I, Regimental order dated 22nd Jan directing Sub-Lt Hughes, Offg Wing Officer, to officiate as Quarter Master in addition to his own duties, vice Captain Wetherall.
Colonel Davies, Commanding 27th N I, is appointed as Commandant, Major Hogg, Wing Commander, as 2nd in Command, Lt T H Mackenzie, Adjutant, as Wing Commander, and Lt Sinclair, Wing Officer, in addition to his own duties from the 7th to the 17th January during the time Colonel Beville, C B, commanded the Sind District.
The undermentioned officers have leave of absence:—
Major E O W Bransford, (D Battery B Brigade R H A) from the 12th to the 28th Feb in Bombay on private affairs.
2nd Battalion 11th Foot—Captain E L Street to Bombay, three months' leave for urgent private affairs.
8th N I, Lt D Fordyce to Bombay, for 30 days on medical certificate.
2nd N I, Captain Stewart to Bombay for 30 days on medical certificate.
Surgeon R D Hodson to Bombay from 10th Feb to 12th March on medical certificate.
Conductor and 2nd Class Barrack Master W Smith to Bombay for 30 days on medical certificate for the purpose of appearing before the Standing Medical Committee.

THE MADRAS ACTING COMMANDER OF THE FORCE'S ORDERS.

Head Quarters, Madras, Feb. 4th to 8th.

Major H A T Nepean, Staff Corps from general duty, Secunderabad.
Captain Wickhan, K Battery 1st Brigade R A, will do duty with the R A Mysore Division, until further orders.
Lieut Rawlinson, Wing Officer and Quarter-master 34th N I leave from 18th January till 30th April.
Captain Jarvis, 67th Foot, Officiating Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General, Coded Districts, is directed to proceed to join his regiment at Rawal Pindi.
Captain Kelly, Staff Corps, is appointed Wing Officer, 40th N I.
Lieut Col Tayler, 5th Brigade, is posted to Bangalore for duty with the Royal Artillery at this station.
Major Ramsay is appointed to England to join H battery 4th Brigade into which he has been promoted.
His Royal Highness the Field Marshal Commanding-in-Chief has approved of the undermentioned Officer being posted, on his recent promotion to the Battalion of his regiment specifies opposite his name:—12th Foot, Captain Cooper, 2nd Battalion.
Staff Paymaster W Dring, Paymaster 33rd Foot, for six months sick certificate.

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LATEST INTELLIGENCE

THE AFGHAN WAR.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.)

ATTACK ON THE CAMP OF THE ARGASAN FORCE.

CAMP, ARGASAN FORCE, Feb. 11.

At the entrance of the Maruf Valley the column is now together.

Syfulat Khan Sirdar came in to-night expressing his willingness to visit the General at Kandahar and afford supplies; but yesterday, one hour previous to the arrival of Colonel Paterson and the Goorkhas, the camp was suddenly assailed by a small party of Ghazies, backed up in the distance by a body of sowars and footmen, number unknown. The Ghazies fired several shots when one dismounted, cast loose his horse, and advanced close up to the quarter guard, his tulwar in his teeth, firing as he came on. He was shot in three places before he was finally cut down by a trooper of Colonel Rydall's Cavalry, fortunately inflicting no loss. Two of the Ghazies were killed and one wounded. The latter states that they came from Maruf to attack the camp by the Khan's orders. Cavalry pursued the remainder, killing and wounding two or three before they escaped into the hills. There were no casualties on our side. An immediate advance on Maruf probable, but transport short. It is stated that the fort contains thousands of men, and treasure and grain of the Amir.

Snow has fallen on the hills but none in the valley.

THE 83RD REGIMENT.

JACOBABAD, Feb. 16.

The 83rd Regiment has been ordered to return to Kurrachee, one wing at once and the headquarters on relief by a Madras Native Infantry Regiment.

The siege train is proceeding forward immediately.

SIR RICHARD TEMPLE'S MOVEMENTS.

KURRACHEE, Feb. 15.

Transport arrangements between Sukkur and Dadur being now on a satisfactory footing, Sir Richard Temple is about to return to Bombay. He will arrive at Kurrachee from Kotree this evening and embark in the Amberwitch, visiting Kati bandar, which he will reach on the 16th, and Nowanagar in Kathiawar on the 18th; thence he will proceed to Rajkot and Wadhwan, arriving at Bombay about the 23rd February, after an absence of two and a half months.

Major Rivett-Carnac left for Bombay by yesterday's steamer.

GENERAL WARRE.

General Warre gave up his intention of inspecting the Sind Frontier Force, as it would have involved the withdrawal of camels for himself and staff, and interfered with the transport of stores to the front. Brigadier General Brooke, however, with Captain Spencer, went to Jacobabad. On the 12th the 2nd Sind Horse paraded for inspection, when Brigadier General Brooke expressed himself pleased to see this Regiment continue to maintain its high character for efficiency and discipline.

General Warre goes to Hyderabad to-day to inspect the troops there.

Surgeon Mackury's services are placed at the disposal of General Phayre for sanitation purposes in connection with the new route to Jacobabad.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

(By Red Sea Cable.)

PARLIAMENTARY.

LONDON, Feb. 15.

The Under Secretary of State for India, in reply to a question, said that Government had received no information about the speech made by General Roberts at the Kurrum Durbar.

In the House of Lords the Duke of Richmond and Gordon (Lord President of the Council) said, in reply to a question, that Government was sending a physician to Astrakhan.

THE KAFFIR WAR.

Major Generals H. H. Crealock, C.B., E. Newdigate, and Frederick Marshall, have been ordered to the Cape.

Consols closed at 96, a fall of ¼.

THE PREMIER ON THE AFGHAN WAR.

The following version of the statement by the Premier with reference to the Afghan War has been received by another route:

Lord Beaconsfield said that the object of British intervention had been completely successful. We had obtained the three great highways of Afghanistan, and hoped always to retain them, thus rendering our empire invulnerable.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

ADEN, Feb. 15.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Navarino outward bound for Calcutta, Madras and Colombo left here to-day.

LIVERPOOL WEEKLY COTTON REPORT.

LONDON, Feb. 14.

Total Week's sales of Cotton	44,000	bales.
Amount forwarded	6,000	do.
Do. Week's sales of Surats	4,000	do.
Do. do. imports of Cotton....	95,000	do.
Do. do. Surats....	1,000	do.
Do. Stock of Cotton.....	458,000	do.
Do. do. Surats	20,000	do.
Do. Stock of Cotton in London.....	59,000	do.

LONDON, Feb. 14.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats unchanged.

The London Cotton Market has been dull.

Fair Dhollera.....	4 5-16d.
The Manchester Market has been quiet but steady.	
7 lbs. Shirtings.....	5-1½
8½ lbs. do.	5-13/16
30s. Mule Twist	6-8½
3 per cent. Consols for account.	96
5 per cent. French Rentes 1872	112⅛
Bar Silver	49⅜
Exchange on India, 60 days' sight ..	1-7
Total Coin in the Bank of France....	£81,600,000
,, Notes in Circulation	£88,900,000
Oriental Bank Shares	£32
Chartered ,, ,, ...	£17-10
Do. Mercantile ,, ...	£20
Hongkong and Shanghai Shares	£33

THE rumour gains strength that Mr. T. C. Hope will settle the vexed question about finding successors to Mr. Gibbs in the Bombay and Sir A. Arbuthnot in the Viceregal Council by coming to Bombay in April to take Mr. Gibbs's place for a year, and then, on the retirement of Sir A. Arbuthnot, migrating to Calcutta.

ACCORDING to the *Pioneer*, one of the reasons for which Mr. McPherson was required to leave General Roberts's camp was that he had added to a press telegram after it had been countersigned.

H. E. THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of the Bombay Army is now on his way down from Jacobabad to Kurrachee, where he will embark in the steamer Dalhousie for Bombay, arriving here before the end of this week. Under the direction of General Phayre, the transport service to Quetta is now so well managed that the presence of the Governor and the Chief in Sind has ceased to be necessary.

At a meeting of members of the Bombay Millowners' Association held on Saturday last, the following resolution was adopted *nem. con.*—"That with the view of checking the great accumulation of stock during the present period of depression, the members of the association do agree to close their respective mills every Saturday and Sunday from 15th February to 15th April 1879."

AMONG thepassengers by the homeward mail to-day we note the name of Mr. Phil. Robinson, the special correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph*; and if the movements of those "stormy petrels"—thespecials—may be accepted as weather indications, it would seem as if halcyon days were coming again and the war was really over. The *Daily News* representative left the front some time ago, and the newly arrived *Times'* correspondent went no nearer the war than Calcutta. Mr. Phil. Robinson, we may note, has been special correspondent at different times with each of the three camps, having visited General Roberts at Thal, marched with General Sir Sam Browne from Jamrud to Daka, and accompanied General Stewart from Quetta to Kandahar.

THE Jalilalabad correspondent of the *Pioneer* says that Lieutenant Hart, R. E., has been recommended for the Victoria Cross, for his gallant endeavour to save the life of a post sowar. The writer says, "On the 31st January a convoy of provisions was expected from Ali Musjid, and a force of 300 Europeans and 300 natives was sent out to meet it and strengthen the escort. This proved to be a wise step, for the convoy was attacked, and some fighting took place. A sowar of the 13th Bengal Lancers fell mortally wounded, and the enemy swarmed down to secure his saddle, and, probably, to mutilate himself, when Lieutenant Hart, R. E., bravely rushed back, drove off the enemy, and, assisted by some others who had followed him, brought in the dying sowar, and also the saddle so coveted by the enemy. It is reported that the gallantry of Lieutenant Hart on this occasion is to be specially brought under the notice of the Commander-in-Chief. Nine of the enemy were killed. The enemy continued their sitting in jirga this day, and, it is said, protested against being supposed to have had anything to do with the attack on the convoy, which they declared to be the deed of people over whom they had no authority."

WE understand that the Secretary of State has sanctioned for a period of three years, as a tentative measure, but with a view, if feasible, in their ultimate permanent adoption, certain proposals regarding the entertainment of officers and establishments required for the Commissioner of Salt Revenue in Madras. These proposals, which were originally made by the Madras Government, involve an annual expenditure of Rs. 53,400, rising to Rs. 59,400, and include the appointment of two Deputy Commissioners, one native personal assistant, as well as officers of subordinate establishments.

THE story is quite true that during the unfortunate Bazar expedition the pickets of the 25th K. O. B. fired into each other, wounding two men. The medical officer, also, who went up to help the wounded, had a narrow escape.

THE *Pioneer* :—Some better machinery might be provided for furnishing the Indian Government with such extracts from the Russian papers as are deemed of importance by our ambassador in Russia. For instance, the *Moscow Gazette* described in October and November last the recent operations of General Lomakin in the country on the right bank of the Attrek river. On the 20th November Lord Augustus Loftus sent a translation to Lord Salisbury, who received it seven days afterwards. On the 2nd December the papers were forwarded by the War Office to the India Office: on the 19th December by the India Office to India. The Foreign Office then had to forward a copy to the Military Department for information. But if all this trouble was worth while, why did not the Indian Foreign Office take the translation from the Central Asian papers presented to Parliament; these were posted to India on the 3rd December? Perhaps, however, the Foreign Office never received the Central Asian papers, —or never read them.

THE following is a list of the officers of the Royal Engineers now employed in the Cape Colony:—Colonel Hassard, Lieut.-Colonel Durnford, Majors Moysey and Warren, Captains Wynne, Nixon, Jones and Hime, Lieutenants Courtney, Chard, Porter Baxter, Haynes, Wilcock Clarke, Commeline, Cameron, Main, and McDowel.

IT does not seem at present to have suggested itself to the authorities that the hot weather is gradually drawing near, and that no steps have been taken to place the British soldiers in the Peshawar Field Force in a position to bear the heat. It was no doubt a good idea to reduce their tents by cutting away the outer fly, but when the sun's rays come to register 150°, more or less, the single *pal* will be but little protection for the men in the day time. In Jamrud camp, particularly, the heat makes itself felt even now, and it is not an uncommon sight to see a staff officer wearing a cumbersome solah-topee instead of the smaller regulation helmet. Many of the *pals* are so thin that, to use a correspondent's expression:—"One might peck oats through them." There was an impression that Tirah, with its cool valleys, was to be made the camping ground of the European troops for the hot season, but the Bazar expedition must have dispelled all hope in that quarter; unless the political officers can bring the Zukka Kheyls to admit 3,000 or 4,000 armed men into their villages. It is of course very easy to let matters drift on now, when tents are fairly comfortable, but the treeless Khyber and the plains near it will, in April or May, be quarters that even native troops will shrink from, unless they have something more than a flimsy canvas sheet overhead. From native reports Basaulo and Jallalabad are, in the summer, the hottest places in Afghanistan, and yet, with the exception of one or two mud-houses built by officers, there are not four walls raised within which the men can hope to take shelter from the sun. If the campaign is to be carried on (the *Pioneer* says) the present is no time for those managing it to sit with their hands before them, however delightful idleness may be when there is no enemy to be dealt with.

THE *Civil and Military Gazette*:—To judge from accounts sent us by correspondents from that district, Dera Ghazi Khan although figuring of late conspicuously in print, in connection with the Quetta Field Force, would seem to be the most neglected and afflicted district in the Punjab. Two years the sub-mountain tracts of the district suffered from drought, then ensued a mighty flood destroying crops, buildings, and every description of household property over at least one-third of the irrigated area of the district; lastly to add to the drain on the resources of the district already existing, the Quetta Field Force, or the greater part of it, passed through, consuming everything eatable that could be collected, after the manner of locusts, and furthermore making the Dera city for some time a sort of provisioning depot for the force proceeding onwards. In the district famine prices now naturally prevail; add to which a great amount of sickness and consequent mortality brought on by the malarious exhalations of the flood, and we have a rather melancholy picture. All these misfortunes were certainly unavoidable, and their consequences have to be endured, but we hope every endeavour will now be made to repair losses and certainly to prevent the possibility of another flood. For this purpose, well maturedand carefully devised projects of dams and protection works should be devised, and if possible be executed before the rise of the river which commences in April.

THROUGH the patience and courage of a young gentleman, Mr. S. Scott, son of Lieut.-Colonel S. P. Scott, who is engaged in planting operations in the Upper Bowany Valley, Dotacamund, that district, says the local paper, has just been freed from a scourge with which it was afflicted, and from which it suffered much for several months past, in the destruction of a tigress, which, during the work of skinning and dissection to discover the course of bullets, was found to be pregnant. Four cubs would have been born in about three weeks time, but for the timely shot which terminated the expectant mother's existence. The brute had killed a valuable cow belonging to the estate, and owing to the dense cover of the locality, before the carcass could be traced, during the two days search much cattle had been killed as food for the tigress. The difficulty was to get a commanding point, combining security with concealment, from whence the brute could be seen when it approached to feed, the avoidance of disturbing the grass in any way, lest it should excite suspicion, being deemed advisable. The natural advantages of the shot in this way were but scanty, affording nothing but a very open tree of insignificant size. On a forked branch of this tree, a few feet only from the ground, Mr. Scott perched himself, standing close against the trunk so as to appear as much as possible like a part of the tree, and so pass undetected. At 5-30 p.m., that is before sun set, the beast made its appearance, indicated by a loud purring sound, and in another instant its head and shoulders were seen appearing through the long grass, and as it was in the act of seizing the carcass, the sharp crack of the rifle was heard, the bullet entering the shoulder and passing out through the lungs. As it rolled over, it received a second shot in the other shoulder, and then retreating it took up its position within a few yards of the tree from which it had been shot, its heavy breathing being very distinctly heard, while it was itself quite invisible. The shots having been heard at the bungalow, support arrived, and under its cover Mr. Scott was brought away from his decidedly unsafe position in the tree. It was in vain this spot was beaten in hopes of making Stripes break, and of giving him the *coup de grace*; the cover was too dense, and darkness coming on apace it was resolved to abandon the attempt until the following day, when it was thought likely it would be found dead; but when the day came and it was tracked up, it was found still alive and wonderfully active, and after much beating of the cover within which it had ensconced itself, and some exciting charges and hairbreadth escapes, in which Stripes succeeded in completely outmanœuvring his enemies, and after enduring another night of mortal agony, it was found dead on the margin of the sombre ravine.

FOR the first time, probably, in our history British soldiers will find themselves fighting with regiments of women, in this Zulu war. The *Guardian* is not very clear upon the subject, but says:—"We have alluded to the military organisation of the Zulus. Cetywayo's soldiers were not allowed to marry without his permission and this permission was given *en bloc* to a regiment at a time. But women, it seems, were also organised in regiments—and when a male regiment was authorised to marry, a female regiment was told off to be married to them. But it happened that a male regiment thus authorised was old and the female regiment thus appropriated was young, and the young ladies wholly refused to have anything to say to the old gentlemen. In order, therefore, to put down resistance, recourse was at once had to the established method of beheading a sufficient number of the recalcitrants."

How great the strain upon the other South African Colonies will be, now that Natal is embroiled with Zululand, is shown by the following paragraph written by a Cape correspondent early in December:—"Every available soldier has now been withdrawn from the Cape Colony. Not a soldier has been left in Cape Town or Simon's Town, the few companies of the 88th having been withdrawn to garrison King William's Town in relief of the remainder of the 1-24th, ordered to Natal."

THE *Madras Mail*.—Madras is a pretty town if you look down upon it from any eminence, such for instance as the top of Government House, or the tower of the Central Railway Station. It looks a green and well wooded city, cool and pleasantly shaded; but as you travel along its roads, and look more into details, it becomes evident that many, if not most of the houses are in a somewhat shaky and tumble-down condition. This is painfully evident as regards most of the walls of the compounds. The last ukase of the Municipal Commissioner, which compels each householder, under severe penalties, to keep his filth ready for carting in prosaic black illshapen iron utensils at his gate, has certainly not diminished the unsightliness of our tumble-down walls. Have we no Municipal Commissioner of an esthetic turn of mind to devise some escape from this last infliction? It's the proverbial straw on the camel's back.

THE *Pall Mall Gazette*—A Commission has been instituted by the Italian Minister of Public Instruction to inquire into the sale of a valuable church altar at Brescia. The altar stood in the Basilica of S. Domenico at Brescia, a church which is now in ruins and had been handed over to the governors of the hospitals of the town. The hospital funds being low, the governors determined on selling the altar with the decorations of the chapel in which it stood, and found a purchaser in the person of an Englishman, who gave 30,000 f. for the lot. The altar was chiefly valuable for a balustrade of purphyry and for the statuettes and marbles which adorned it, while the chapel was embellished with marble bas-reliefs of the "Via Crucis." The purchaser, who seems to have known what he was about, promptly disposed of part of his bargain for 75,000f., keeping back the bas-reliefs and balustrade, the most valuable portion. Nothing would have been heard of the sale very probably but for the large profit made after the first sale, but, as it is, the Brescians are anxious to prevent any such transaction in the future; and they are the more excited that now long and tender objects belonging to the Church of the Grazie, one of which had been mounted by Benvenuto Cellini, were sold. The Minister has given orders that no more sales of such things are to be made without authority.

THE *Pall Mall Gazette*—German papers announce a discovery of much interest to the musical world. The treasure-trove consists of a large portion of the missing works of Johann Sebastian Bach. The discovery was made by Herr Robert Franz. Convinced that the long lost Passion music and Christmas oratorios might yet be brought to light, Herr Franz commenced a systematic research in every place where the great master had been known to reside. After much fruitless labour he arrived at the seat of the Witzthun family, and passing one day down an alley in the garden, noticed the young trees were there they were tied to their supports were bound round with strips of paper to prevent the bark from being scored. A closer inspection showed that the paper bore the beautiful handwriting of Bach, and, turning to the gardener, Herr Franz beseught him to say whence the precious MS. had come. The reply was to the effect that in the loft there had been several chests full of the paper, covered with old notes, and as it was of no use to any one he had made it serve instead of leather for binding up the saplings, adding that he had done so for nineteen years and found the plan highly satisfactory. Herr Franz hastened to the loft, when he was rewarded by finding a chest yet untouched, and filled to the brim with MSS. which on inspection proved to contain no fewer than 120 violin sonatas. His joy was dashed, however, by the certainty that the precious Passion music had long ago gone to bind up the trees, and had irrecoverably perished through exposure to the weather. It is probable that the works now discovered will not be received with such favour by the general musical public as was accorded to the symphonies of Schubert unearthed by Mr. Grove and produced at the Crystal Palace Concerts by Mr. Manns. Herr Joachim, however, will find in them "fresh fields and pastures new;" while every one who has the least pretence to a love of music must admit the discovery to be one of exceeding interest.

A REPORT was current in Paris a few days before the last Mail left, of the attempted poisoning of the Pope by the Jesuits. The report was telegraphed by the Papal Nuncio in Paris to Cardinal Nina, and numerous inquiries were made of the Pope's physician on the subject. On his Holiness being informed of the story he is said to have called his private chamberlain and said:—"Thank the visitors, and announce also in the antechamber that I am feeling quite well, and that the poisoning is only for the present a pious desire." The words as given by one who heard them were: "Avverte fuore in anticamera che sto bene, e che l'avvelenamento non e per ora che un pio desiderio." The report seems however (says the Roman correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette*), to have made an extraordinary impression at the Vatican, and the food introduced and cooked is examined with scrupulous rigour. Speaking quietly of the matter, the Pope observed: "The Jesuits are too wise. Were they to attempt and succeed they know that the crime must be traced home to them, and that my successor would pay my debts to them." The Jesuits have, meanwhile, presented their ultimatum to the Pope, demanding to be reinstated in their old position and to have their share in the government of the Church, pointing out the benefits to accrue from their support and the damage they are still capable of doing. The Pope yields not an iota. He says, "'I frati devono fare il frate' (Let friars act the friar), and not meddle with mundane affairs."

THE *Pall Mall Gazette*—The statement which has been published that a vessel has been chartered to convey coolies from Calcutta to Fiji shows that the policy favoured by Sir Arthur Gordon is to be definitely carried out. In itself there can be no doubt such an immigration is advantageous; but the plantess contend that if the present restrictions on the employment of Fijians were withdrawn, and the natives were allowed to engage themselves to white men without reference to the authority of the chiefs, there would be no necessity to import coolies at all. However this may be, we may hope that the whole question of the emigration of Indian coolies to our tropical colonies will receive more attention in the course of the next few years. Lord Salisbury, when Secretary for India, pressed the matter upon the Indian Government; but Lord Lytton in one of his speeches in Council threw cold water on the project. Yet if the facts were more widely known it is certain that greater numbers would take advantage of the openings afforded to them, especially in the West India Islands. Isolated cases of hardship and oppression there doubtless are, as in any other system of emigration. Englishmen themselves find not unfrequently that they are not so well suited to the new life they have undertaken as they had hoped. But in the main the Indian coolie who goes for a few years, to Demerara, Trinidad, or Jamaica fares well, makes money, and can, if he pleases, either settle down or return with the proceeds of his work. It would indeed require an emigration upon an almost unprecedented scale to produce much effect upon the vast population of India; but the industrious Indian ryots would prove a boon to colonies now entirely dependent for labour upon the lazy, thriftless, and often dishonest negro.

FROM the British fleet in Eastern waters:—A young midshipman went out to join his ship, commanded by a gallant officer, otherwise rather a don. He was met on deck by the captain, who said, 'Well, youngster, so you've come to join us. I suppose it's the old story—the fool of the family, eh? Haw, haw!' To which the middy replied, in a squeaky voice, 'No, sir; it's all changed since your day.' Exit captain.—*World*.

BOMBAY.

THE following programme will be played by the band of H. M.'s 9th N. I. at the Esplanade bandstand this evening:—

March	Faust.....	Gounod
Overture	Schubert	Suppe.
Selection	La vie Parisienne.....	Offenbach
Valse	Fleurs du Printemps	Bouquet
Quadrille	Aglaja	Lentner
Galop	Tanzwerber	Secat

THE Italian Mail Steamer Singapore left Suez direct for Bombay on Friday evening, the 14th inst.

THE American ship Southern Chief, which arrived in harbour on the 14th inst. from New York, brought 41,000 cases kerosine oil.

A NEW SECT.—We are informed that the following ladies and gentlemen, who arrived in Bombay yesterday, comprise the committee sent from the Theosophical Society of New York to confer with the Arya Somaja as to the best means of disseminating among Western nations a correct knowledge of Oriental philosophy:—Major Henry S. Olcott, President of the Theosophical Society, late Special Commissioner of the War Department, and Special Commissioner of the Navy Department of the United States. The Countess Heliona P. Blavatsky, corresponding Secretary of the Theosophical Society, and author of "Isis Unveiled." The Countess in July last became a citizen of the United States. Mr. Edward Wimbridge, an eminent English architect, formerly associated with Owen Jones of London. Mr. Wimbridge has for the past eight years been in New York. Miss Rosa Bates, an English lady of excellent social standing and education, who takes a deep interest in educational matters.

VISIT OF GENERAL GRANT TO MESSRS. DOSSABHOY M. WADIA AND CO.—On Saturday last General Grant accepted an invitation of the well-known Parsee merchants, Messrs. Dossabhoy Merwanjee Wadia and Co., who have for many years been connected with the trade of the United States of America, to visit their house in Bazaar Gate Street. The General, accompanied with Mr. Farnham, the American Consul, Colonel Grant, and members of his suite arrived in H. E. the Governor's carriage at about 1 p.m. at the family residence of the above firm. The partners and Mr. Jamsetjee Dhunjeebhoy Wadia, the Master Builder of the Bombay Dockyard, received him at the entrance of the house. The central room of the house was tastefully furnished, and suitable to the occasion. The several members of the family were then introduced to the distinguished visitors, and after the distribution of garlands and bouquets the party separated. An immense crowd had collected outside to catch a sight of the General, and they heartily cheered him on his departure the showering a profusion of flowers on him as he passed. The gallant General and party seemed well pleased with, hearty welcome he had received.

SEAMEN DESERTERS.—Mr. Constable Munday received a reward of Rs 20 on Saturday for arresting and placing on board the American ship Corings two seamen deserters from that vessel.

BREACH OF SHIP DISCIPLINE.—John Stapleton, of the British ship Standard, was on Saturday last sentenced by Mr. C. P. Cooper to two weeks' rigorous imprisonment for absenting himself from that ship without leave or any reasonable excuse.

EVADING THE LIQUOR LICENCE.—A Mahomedan, named Fakeer Hurry, was on Saturday last charged, at the instance of Mr. Constable Holmes, before Mr. W. Webb with selling spirituous liquors by retail without a licence. He was adjudged guilty and fined Rs. 20.

THEFT OF ORNAMENTS.—A Hindoo woman was on Saturday convicted by Mr. W. Webb of committing theft in a building of property consisting of gold and silver ornaments of the collective value of Rs. 314, belonging to one Chundrea, woman, and was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

REFRACTORY SEAMEN.—Antone Zobartein and four other European seamen of the British ship Cambridge were on Saturday convicted by Mr. C. P. Cooper of continued wilful disobedience in refusing to do duty on board that ship, of which they are articled seamen. Each of the prisoners was sentenced to twelve weeks' rigorous imprisonment, and the other two to eight weeks' similar imprisonment.

THE Famine Commissioners arrived here yesterday (Saturday). They make a long stay in Poona till about the 25th inst. We hear they will go through all the districts in the Deccan upon different parts, hear and take into their proper consideration what the Sarvajanik Sabha says, and inspect irrigation works as stated in the Government Resolution published in our issue of 2nd.—*Deccan Star*.

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FIRST CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

ELEVENTH DAY, SATURDAY, Feb. 15.

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. JUSTICE GREEN.)

CHARGE OF CHEATING AGAINST A MUNICIPAL SUPERINTENDENT OF ROADS.

NARAYEN BAPOOJEE, late superintendent of roads in the service of the Bombay Municipality, was again placed at the bar, charged with having on the 1st October 1878 instigated Tookaram Hurjee, a contractor, to cheat the municipal corporation by presenting a bill for road metal supplied to the Corporation during the month of September 1878, amounting to Rs. 6,592—that is, Rs. 1,655 in excess of the amount properly payable to the contractor for the quantity of metal supplied to him. He was also charged with cheating the Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Grant, in respect of the abovementioned amount; also with attempting to cheat; and with having on the 16th September 1878, then being a public servant, made false entries in a document presented to the Municipal Commissioner, intending thereby to cause wrongful loss to the Municipal Corporation of Bombay. Mr. Farran, instructed by Messrs. Crawford and Bowrey, solicitors to the Corporation, conducted the prosecution; Mr. Inverarity, instructed by Messrs. Craigie, Lynch, and Owen, appeared for the defence.

Two more witnesses were examined by the prosecution, when Mr. Farran closed the case. Mr. Inverarity rose to address the jury saying he had witnesses to call for the defence, when the foreman intimated to the court that the jury had almost made up their mind and wished to retire. They were allowed to retire and returned into court within ten minutes with a verdict of not guilty. The prisoner was discharged.

The Sessions were then adjourned until this (Monday) morning, when the last case, that of giving false evidence in a judicial proceeding, will be tried before a common jury.

BOMBAY SEASON REPORTS.

The following Season Reports for the week ending 5th instant are published for general information:—

Kurrachee.—Locusts in Ghorabari and Sakro talukas, no damage.

Shikarpur.—Rain much wanted.

Hyderabad.—Locusts have slightly damaged rabi crops in two talukas.

Upper Sind Frontier.—Rabi crops healthy but need rain.

Ahmedabad.—Locusts entirely gone.

Panch Mahals.—Gram thriving.

Nasik.—Rats damaging crops in Nasik and Sinnar.

Thana.—All crops good.

Kolaba.—(for week ending 3rd inst).—Rabi crops good in Alibag, Pen and Roha. Locusts in Mangaon and Mahad.

Ratnagiri.—(for week ending 28th ult).—Rabi crops good.

Ahmednagar.—Crops injured by rats in some parts of five talukas; rabi harvest commenced in three talukas.

Satara.—Rabi crops good.

Kaladgi.—Rabi crops middling, injured by rats; cotton suffering from blight.

Belgaum.—Rabi reaping commenced; damage by rats, little.

Kanara.—Second crop plants healthy.

Rajkot.—Weather cold.

Wadhwan.—State of crops same as before. Prices high.

General Remarks.—No change of importance. Rats have done some harm in several Deccan and Southern Maratha Districts.

THE ACCIDENT TO THE MERCARA.

WE learn that the death of Mr. Grainger, the chief steward of this unfortunate vessel, is attributed to his being caught in the steamer's screw. At the time he was washed overboard a rope and buoys were thrown out to him, which he succeeded in grasping, but almost immediately afterwards disappeared. When the buoys were hauled on board, one of them was found very much stained with blood, leading to the inference that Mr. Grainger must have been struck and killed while endeavouring to make himself fast to the buoy. A sad incident in connexion with the death of Captain Hardy occurred yesterday morning, when his brother, who had not previously heard of his death, went to the steamer in the expectation of meeting the deceased on his arrival. Mr. Allan, the second officer, who went on Wednesday, fell from the foredeck into the hold, a height of at least thirty feet, and sustained injuries that the doctor on board has not been able to cope with.—*Madras Mail, Feb. 12.*

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PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. Co.'s s. SURAT, Captain W. E. Breeze, will sail tod-ay for Aden and Suez with the Europe Mails and the following passengers:—

FOR SOUTHAMPTON.

Col D Mocatta
Capt Curtis

FOR BRINDISI.

Mr Walter Thomson
Rev W O Clinton
Mr R C Beynon
Mr C Ward
Mr Hyde Edwards
Mr and Mrs G Smith & infant
Mr C R Hills
Mr P F Walker.

FOR VENICE.

Miss Plowden
Miss Reimers
Mr P Robinson
Capt and Mrs Thomas and 2 children.

FOR SUEZ.

Rev W Unwick
Miss Hunter
Mr Hammick
Mr W Hamlyn.

A F Scram

FOR ADEN.

Adam Cassum.

SERIOUS CHARGES OF FRAUD AGAINST WEALTHY NATIVES.

A PLAINT has been filed in the High Court of Bombay by Gooculdas Jugmohundas against Luckmidas Khimjee (broker to Messrs. Wallace and Company), Hurry Bhanjee, Chuttoorbhoy Morarjee, and Mooljee Kanjee, the facts stated in which, if true, lend enchntment to a glimpse of the past in the share-mania times when men counted their monies by lakhs, and managed to get rid of debts amounting to lakhs by the simple process of passing under Act 28 of 1865. The accusations made in the plaint against certain wealthy natives of Bombay are serious; and it is to be trusted that, for their good names' sake, they will be able to disprove them or clear themselves thereof at no distant date. The National Financial Company, now in liquidation, from which the plaintiff Gooculdas Jugmohundas purchased the claims against the defendant Mooljee Canjee is, for the purposes of the suit, made a co-plaintiff. The plaint is to the following effect:—

Prior to the year 1867 the National Financial Company, Limited, a Joint Stock Company carrying on business at Bombay, was, by an order of this Court dated 29th April 1867, ordered to be wound up, and by a further order dated 29th May 1868 Thomas Fisher Punnett was appointed liquidator of the company. At that date the defendant Mooljee Canjee, a director of the company, was indebted to it in the sum of Rs. 1,61,500. Rs. 7,000 was due by him as a contributory in respect of 100 shares standing on the register in his name. Rs. 1,10,000 was due by him in respect of certain loans which he had obtained from the Company, and Rs. 44,500 or thereabouts was claimed in respect of certain transactions in which he had been concerned as a director, and which were *ultra vires* his powers as such director. The transactions out of which the plaintiff's information were as follows:—Mooljee Canjee and the other directors withdrew from the company large sums of money, and alleged that they had paid the same as earnest money for the purchase of landed properties alleged to have been purchased for the company, from the defendant Mooljee Canjee and other persons, which pretended purchases were never carried out, and which alleged transactions were *ultra vires* of their powers as directors and were not sanctioned by the articles of the company. About the month of May 1867 Mooljee Canjee obtained the benefit of Act 28 of 1865. He was at that time, as the plaintiffs have recently discovered, possessed of assets amply sufficient for the payment of all his debts in full. But in order to conceal his effects from his creditors and to increase his apparent liabilities to the sum of five lakhs of rupees so as to enable him to obtain the benefit of the Act, he, shortly before applying for the benefit of the same, in collusion with the defendant Luckmidas Khimjee, who is his uncle, effected certain fictitious transactions and purchases and otherwise fraudulently dealt with a large portion of his property. In order to prevent the disclosure of the fraudulent transactions, the defendant Luckmidas Khimjee about the month of December 1866 caused the said pretended fictitious creditors of Mooljee Canjee and purchased from the trustee, appointed under Act XXVIII. of 1865 of the estate and effects of Mooljee Canjee, all the assets and obtained possessions of all the books and documents relating to his estate. The purchase was effected in the name of Nanjee Morarjee (since deceased), one of the fictitious creditors of Mooljee Canjee, and who was then in the employment of the defendants Mooljee Canjee and Luckmidas Khimjee as an accountant. About June 1869 Raghoonath Narayen Khote, then and now being the defendant Luckmidas Khimjee's partner, at the instigation and on behalf of Mooljee Canjee and Luckmidas Khimjee, agreed with the said Nanji Morarjee, dator of the company, and Mr. Prescot, the solicitor of the liquidator, for the purchase of the claims against Moljee Canjee. By representing that he had no available assets, and that it was wholly impossible for him to meet his liabilities to the company, Raghoonath Narayen Khote, on behalf of Mooljee and Luckmidas, induced them to sell to the defendant Mooljee, for the sum of Rs. 15,000, the then present and prospective claims of the Company against him. The transaction was effected in the name of Nanjee Morarjee (since deceased). The plantiff Gooculdas Jugmohundas about Septemper 1878 became aware of these facts, and having ascertained that the defendant Mooljee Canjee was at the time when he obtained the benefit of Act 28 of 1865, and is still, possessed of considerable moveable and immoveable property, he purchased from the present liquidator (Framjee Rustomjee Vicajee,) for the sum of Rs. 2,900 all the claims of the Company against Mooljee Canjee. Framjee Rustomjee Vicajee at the time of the purchase had full knowledge of all the facts here set forth. At the time when the defendant Mooljee obtained the benefit of Act 28 of 1865 he was in possession of the following property, (among other moveable properties. (Four properties are here described.) For the purpose of fraudulently concealing from his creditors the first mentioned property Mooljee Canjee, in collusion with Luckmidas Khimjee, executed a deed in October 1869, in consideration of Rs 5,000, purported to convey it absolutely to Luckmidas Khimjee. The sum of Rs. 5,000

fabrics and the lower counts of yarn have been repealed they have no grievance, nor can I see that we have any ground to complain because those duties have been removed. We are now both on the same footing. If we could persuade the Government that the people of India should pay higher prices for their clothing because cloth and yarn cost more to make in India, there might be some advantage in our protestations, but to convince Government of this is, as you are well aware, hopeless, and it is useless shutting our eyes to the fact. Protection is a good thing for a new industry until it takes root and can get along without artificial fostering, and I firmly believe that the Indian manufacturing industry, notwithstanding the bad times through which we are now passing, is strong enough to do this. Prolonged beyond a certain stage, protection is apt to do more harm than good to the industry supposed to be benefitted by it. Abuses creep in, more capital is attracted than its natural position warrants, and when the protection is withdrawn, a contraction of capital and heavy losses must follow. The Indian manufacturing industry is now passing through this experience. It is only put upon its mettle now that the partial protection on which it had become accustomed to depend, is withheld. Passing to the question of the remedy proposed for the present state of things, I wish it to be understood that I do not oppose the movement to place the mills on short time. I merely desire to place before the meeting certain considerations which I think should be taken into account in deciding upon this movement. I have not much faith in the efficacy of short time as a remedy. It has not answered in England, it has not answered in America nor in any place where it has been tried. The only real remedy is cheapened production. This is what English manufacturers are aiming at, together with the improvement of their machinery, and it is what we should aim at also if we are to hold our own against them. In the first place working short time means a great enhancement of the cost of production, greater than any improvement which can be expected in prices. In the next place we may by shortening production be only propping up prices for the advantage of others—it may be for Manchester, or for America, or if not for them for other Indian mills. Some of the larger mills in Bombay are not members of the Association and will not be bound by its decisions—in fact, last year when the experiment of working short time was tried, several of the members of this Association who entered into the engagement then agreed to did not adhere to it. Then there are mills up-country; they will not be bound. There are mills also in Calcutta, and they will not consider themselves under any obligation to follow our example. The result be that we shall be playing into their hands—paying the cost and letting them earn the profit. The proposition to work short time was, I may state, fully considered by the Mill Committee of our Board of Directors at a recent meeting, and they came to the conclusion that under the circumstances combination was not likely to produce any beneficial result. They, however, determined to close the mill every Sunday with the object of giving a little more rest to the workmen and of allowing the machinery to be regularly and thoroughly cleaned, an arrangement which might well become a permanent part of the working system of all the mills. There is little doubt that we have been overrunning our machinery as well as overtaxing our workmen, and I think that a few sensible rules, introduced with the object of placing the manufacturing industry on a healthy basis, would be of more substantial benefit than spasmodic attempts to set things right when by unnatural forcing of production they have gone wrong.

Mr. Morarjee's proposition was, on being put to the vote, carried nem con.

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for his able conduct in the chair.

L'ASSOMMOIR DRAMATIZED.

(Daily Telegraph.)

MANY persons in this country may be puzzled to account for the integrity of the excitement created among Parisian playgoers by the appearance at the Ambigu Theatre of a dramatised version of M. Emile Zola's "Assommoir," and unable to appreciate the merits of the controversy which has arisen among the critics as to the propriety or otherwise of presenting the extraordinary romance in question in a dramatic form. It may, therefore, be expedient to say a few words about M. Zola and his book for the benefit of those who are unacquainted with a work which is notorious enough in its author's native tongue, but the published translation of which into English would be tolerated neither by public opinion nor by the law. "L'Assommoir" is a lengthy story in which, with extreme minuteness, yet with great power and graphic skill, is narrated the history of a working class family under the Second Empire. The manners depicted are those of twenty years ago; but the industrial classes are slow to change their domestic habits or their modes of speech, and "L'Assommoir" thus portrays with very slight and unimportant differences, the life of the Parisian workman of the present day. The principal male personage is one Coupeau, a worker in zinc, at the outset a very honest, industrious, and sober fellow, who marries a good-looking young laundress, called Gervaise. Her husband is well aware when he weds her that she has been the mistress of a scoundrelly journeyman hatter, named Lantier, to whom she has borne two children, and who has basely deserted her. The Coupeaus get on for a time admirably. The man earns good wages. He drinks a moderated quantity of wine—"wine nourishes the workman," maintains M. Zola—But he never by any chance touches spirits. Gervaise is, on her part, laboriously industrious; and the profits of the laundry which she sets up materially supplement her partner's earnings. A little child—a girl—is born to them. They have plenty of clothes, chattels, and money in the savings bank, and are very happy. One day the mother and her little daughter are passing by a house on the roof of which Coupeau is at work. He leans over the parapet, smiling and making signs of loving recognition to his child, when he loses his balance, and falls from a height of four storeys into the street.

It had been better for him—ten thousand times better—had he died there, on the pavement. He is picked up with no greater hurt than a broken leg; but long months elapse ere he is fit to go to work again. During his protracted convalescence he has contracted one of the most fatal of moral diseases—idleness. He lounges about with his hands in his pockets, while his wife toils to keep their home together. He takes to drinking, and is continually tippling at the bar of a flaring dram-shop by the sign of the "Assommoir," a word which has a double meaning, since it may be taken as signifying a loaded bludgeon, or as a trap with a heavily falling portcullis. Gervaise still earns money as a blanchisseuse; and the pair squander their funds in riotous living and in giving uproarious entertainments to their neighbours. In an evil hour, Lantier, the scoundrelly journeyman hatter, reappears, and, with almost incredible cynicism, M. Zola shows this rascal as being received by the bon vivant friend of the family. The zinc-worker, now an inveterate drunkard, actually consents to admit as a lodger the man whom he knows to have been his wife's paramour. Worse remains behind. Gervaise comes to loathe and de-pise her continually drunken husband, and she renews her guilty intrigues with Lantier. The scamp, of course, again deserts her, and consorts with one Virginie, who, years before, had been Gervaise's bitter foe. Coupeau drinks himself into a state of delirium tremens, and dies at last, raving mad, after dancing for three days a horrible jig in a padded room at the asylum. Gervaise has by this time also become a drunkard. She loses her customers, and subsequently her laundry, and is fain to go out charing for a living, and to scrub out the shop now kept by Lantier and Virginie. The wretched widow of Coupeau sinks lower and lower. In desperation she is willing to adopt a life of shame; but her advances are repulsed, even by the tipsy "croquemort," the undertaker's drudge, to whom she addresses herself. Her daughter Nana, bred in idleness and dissipation, has grown up to be a wanton. The neighbours whom she regaled so lavishly in the days of her prosperity turn their backs upon her and she becomes an outcast and a beggar. At length she disappears, but a few days afterwards her corpse is discovered in a common lodging-house, in a hole under a staircase, whither she had crowled to die. Such is the appalling story told by M. Emile Zola with undeniably tragic force, and doubtless with a most praiseworthy moral purpose, but with a sickening amplification of loathsome details. On these lines has been constructed the drama compiled by MM. Gastineau and Busnach, and produced with the utmost care by M. Chabrillat, the manager of the Ambigu. Our Paris Correspondent has graphically described the most striking tableaux in the play; the public laundry, with its real linen, its real washing tube, and its real steam, where Gervaise and Virginie have a furious fight, and throw bucketfuls of real hot water at each other. The climax of the encounter between the two viragoes, which in the novel is more scandalous than any scene that was ever penned by Smollett, is, of course, not presented on the stage of the Ambigu. But the "Assommoir" itself, with its painting and gilding, its counters of glistening pewter, and its giant still continually manufacturing body-and-soul-killing alcohol, is, it appears, placed on the stage with surprising realistic fidelity. A scene representing the Boulevard Mount-Parnasse at early morning is also enthusiastically spoken of; and one of the most striking dramatic effects in the piece is the fall of Coupeau from the roof of the house. Nor are the padded room at the asylum and the dying drunkards maniacal dance forgotten, although this last effort of "realism" seems somewhat to have jarred on the nerves of the audience at the Ambigu. On the whole it is not unlikely that as a spectacle the "Assommoir" may become popular. The tableaux are not more "sensational" than those in the "Juif Errant" or in the "Chiffonnier de Paris;" while in our own "Streets of London," and the late Mr. Andrew Halliday's "Great City," the dramatist, the scene-painter, the stage-manager, and the stage-carpenter, not forgetting the gas-man, achieved a decided realistic triumph. As for the morality of the plot of the play at the Ambigu, it is unimpeachable. It is one continuous sermon against drunkenness, idleness, prodigacy, and extravagance. Gervaise is punished for the errors of her youth; and the sins of the parents are visited upon the child Nana. Although the villanous Lantier escapes retribution in "L'Assommoir," M. Zola will doubtless take care that the Eumenides get hold of the caitiff in some future novel; for this prolific romance writer has projected a "Human Comedy," after the manner of Balzac. "L'Assommoir" is more or less a sequel to its predecessors, "Therese Raquin," "La conquete de Plassans," "La Fortune de Rougon," "Son Excellence Eugene Rougon," "La Curee," and "La Faute del'Abbe Mouret;" and the "Rougon-Macquart" series is to extend, if Time and Fortune favour M. Zola, to some fifty volumes.

A glance at the plot and the leading incidents in the "Assommoir" will at once remind English playgoers that a drama remarkably like it was once very popular on our own stage. George Cruikshank's pictorial tragedy of the "Bottle" appeared in 1848, and was forthwith produced in a dramatic form at several London theatres. Eating the early frailty and subsequent misconduct of the wife, M. Zola closely follows Cruikshank, of whose work he possibly never heard. The sober, industrious, and prosperous English mechanic who, in a weak moment, yields to the temptation to take "just one little drop of spirits," might be the zinc-worker Coupeau. Even to the intimate stage of the madhouse, the careers of the French and of the English sots are identical; and the abandoned girl Nana, with the addition of a brother who becomes a thief, appear in Cruikshank's "Drunkard's Children." Nor should these coincidences be regarded as very startling. The phenomena of drunkenness are pretty much the same in all countries; and idle, dissolute, and intemperate habits lead to the same goal the whole world over. It is only questionable whether the exhibition of scenes of the lowest excess and profligacy on a public stage is conducive to the spread of those moral principles which such scenes are professedly, and we have no doubt honestly, meant to inculcate. The number of gin-palaces and beershops in London has certainly not diminished since the production of "The Bottle," and it is to be feared that the dramatisation of "L'Assommoir"—which, as a novel, is in its fiftieth edition—will not lead to a perceptible decrease in the consumption of absinthe and "schnick" in the cabarets of the Boulevard Mont-Parnasse and the Rue Montfetard. The spread of intemperate habits among the working classes in Paris has been ascribed, and with some show of reason, to the general demoralisation springing from the long agonies of the Siege and the riotous indolence engendered by the Commune. Those disturbing causes no longer exist; and it is to be hoped that their disastrous effects will gradually lose their virulence and at last disappear altogether. As for M. Emile Zola, if he would only borrow from M. Alexandre Dumas a little decency in diction and purity in style, his efforts as a teacher of ethics would be considerably strengthened, while equal advantage might be gained by M. Dumas if he constructed plots as honestly and as edifying as that of the "Assommoir" in lieu of perpetually harping on the ugliest aspects of a breach of the Seventh Commandment. It is irritating to find one of the first living dramatists in France writing dramas which an English Lord Chamberlain cannot permit to be performed on our stages, and one of the most powerful amoung living French novelists producing romance after romance, each strictly moral in its purport, but couched in language too gross to be read by English people who respect themselves.

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Pyjama do	8	Rezais or Quilts	5	42-Inch White Waterproof	4	Nail Scissors.....	1-8 to
Oxford Shirts, Collar attached	6	Ladies' Wool Shawls	22	Linen Faced Collars doz..	12	Briar Root Pipes.....	1
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Silk and Wool do	8	Black Hide Bags	8	Warm Gloves.....	1	Shaving do. Stick.....	1
Spun Silk do	10	Extra large do	24	Children's Gloves ....1 to	1	Lloyd's Eurexia	1
Gents' Under Vests 8 to	6	Gladstone Bags.....	35	Mitts.....	1	Oriental Tooth Paste....	1
Bathing Drawers	8	Ladies' Hand Bags	7	Mufflers	2	Fragrant Florelline.....	1
Gents' Under Pants ..4 to	8	Travelling Writing Cases		Pins, Scarf.....	1	Luggage Labels, per doz.	0
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Warm do	8	Gents' Bags, fitted complete	72	Windsors for Bow or		ratus.....	12
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